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Precious Savior.

How precious is thy name to me!
Jesus, the sinner's Friend!
How sweet that word in which I see
God's love and justice blend!
How precious is thy death to me!
So sacred, so divine!
A depth untold, a boundless sea
Of love to human kind.
How precious is thy grace to me,
In condescension given!
Sin's antidote so full and free,
The healing stream of heaven.
How precious is thy love to me,
A sinner saved by grace!
But oh! what bliss in heaven 'twill be
To live in thy embrace!
—D. B. BYERS.

Washington C. H., Ohio.

I held a lovefeast with Bro. Tombaugh, Moomaw and the brethren of Fairview Church, near Washington, C. H., O., on Thursday Night, Oct. 15th. The night was fair and the attendance good, and I think the meeting was enjoyed.

A few weeks ago there were six additions from the German Baptist, one of the number being minister, Bro. Moomaw. There was an applicant for baptism, at our meeting, but owing to sickness in the family, she could not be baptized or be with us.

The Brethren have no cause to be discouraged here, even if they do not see those they are interested in come immediately: in the future they will reap if they faint not.

The trouble is, many of us depend on special meetings, when they are over, efforts cease. This should not be; the work should continue, prayers offered and efforts made to save, looking all the time for present results.

We think too little of seed sowing, and too much under the circumstances, of reaping. If we attend faithfully to seed sowing, the reaping will follow as a natural consequence.

If the brethren of Fairview will continue to sow and work greater success will attend their efforts; don't get discouraged nor give up the work, keep at it. All things come round to those who work and wait and pray.

Bro. Tombaugh is teaching school and preaching, and is doing as well as he can do, but finds it difficult to drive two teams well at the same time. He will greatly help the cause when he can devote himself wholly to the work. He and others can do this when brethren appreciate their opportunity. You can't run a wagon long without grease, or a church without money.

My home was with Cyrus Hegler, who, with his wife and daughter, again placed me under obligations. I also visited thirteen other families, including Bro. Johnson, who was ill in bed; also, had the pleasure of meeting Sister Ewing at our lovefeast.

I am now at Louisville, Ohio, and will write again.

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.

The World Moves and so Does the Church.

In the issue of EVANGELIST, No. 42, among "Miami Valley Items" appears the announce-

ment of the new organization called Shiloh Branch of the Dayton Congregation, naming a few of the worthy members of the Bearcreek congregation as being in it. Well most of us here looked for a separate and distinct organization when we heard of the independent movement of the projectors of this work and the Dayton brethren are not a little surprised, as well as highly gratified, that so valuable an accession is made to them without their cooperation. The Dayton brethren may feel flattered that their good name, Christian zeal and local bearing helped the christening of this nursing out at Shiloh. Some, we understand, would not go in unless it would be a branch of Dayton; for it is only four miles, and for some much less, to come to the city to church; but then some people think that is an appalling distance to go to church on a Sunday morning, only the River and some Dunkard brethren don't think so.

I am right sure, however, that the Dayton Church is jubilant over the conquest of this valuable outpost; for some day. The old meeting house here in the city must be remodeled or rebuilt and then these rich country members of the Shiloh Branch can show what a power their wealth is to help to do so noble a work.

Before Bro. Mason gave us this account of their branch organization I advised our brethren here in the city to go out en masse to a Shiloh prayer meeting and see whether Shiloh was worth capturing, but they surrendered gallantly without an attempt at capture. Will not Shiloh Branch soon give us a surprise at one of the meetings, say a prayer meeting in the city. This Branch and Parent stem should have more affinity. Come home daughter and visit your mother once in a while. Come let us be social and fraternal and have a good old-fashioned hallelujah time together.

E. S. MILLER.

DAYTON O.

Miami Valley Items.

During my last appointment at West Manchester, I learned that the sister who recently united with us from the German Baptists subsequently received a "visit," and of course was expelled from that body. Now the question is, how in the name of common sense can they expel one who is not a member of their body.

"Our Great Want," has been attracting some attention, and deservedly so. It is good that we look to the future. Bro. Holsinger has no doubt struck a very vital point. But do you not think, brethren, that a good many of us are satisfied with merely talking and writing about our zeal for the cause, and do not perform what we are able to do in helping it along? Are not some of us relying too much on the effort of other brethren, and thus waiting for somebody else to inaugurate something?

And then, after it is inaugurated, with the same disposition, rely on others to carry it out? Now what we want is a good, old-fashioned, practical zeal. If we have that our wants will soon be supplied. The great lesson we must learn is that Christianity will never prosper unless the spirit of the Master is the great motive power. We can do nothing without sacrifice. Sacrifice is only the offspring of zeal.

We must not, however, become too easily discouraged about the future of our church. We are not yet three years old as a denomination, and I do not think we have much to be ashamed of, and we cannot expect to attain maturity all at once. I am sure that in due time, experience will teach us some valuable lessons. Let us study well the duties the Lord requires of us, and then pray for his Spirit to help us to bend our energies to their performance. The great duties of every Christian is the cultivation of sterling good in his own heart, and the salvation of the souls of his fellow-men. Whatever expedients will bring about these blessings should be zealously adopted and practiced.

I am sure that Bro. Yoder has the sympathy of the brotherhood in his affliction, and we all hope that he will soon be able to take his accustomed place in the sanctuary. I am sure also that at this busy time of the year especially his valuable assistance is badly needed at the office. Great credit is due Bro. Garber for the masterly manner in which he has conducted the paper during Bro. Yoder's illness. Very few of the brethren know the amount of work to be done at a publishing house. To superintend the publishing and editing of two weekly papers—to act as editor, foreman and book keeper, attend to the job work, and correspondence is work enough for one man—yes, and there is the HOME PULPIT and the ANNUAL, all take time and energy. While Bro. A. L. Garber is comparatively unknown to the brotherhood, the fact that he can accomplish this should give him a good introduction. If the paper is not full of news and Christian correspondence it is not his fault. So we hope that the correspondents will continue to do as well as they have the last two weeks.

CHRONIC COLDNESS DEVELOPED.

It has come at last. I mean the coldness alluded to last week has developed into something. I am glad, however to report that the church referred to was not a Brethren church—but a congregation of the Christian church. As long as we appealed to the—I was going to say the *unconverted*, but as that will include many of the members of said church, I will say, those that were not church members, and there did not seem any prospect of success, all went well. The said members sat composedly in their seats, giggled and whispered, pulled out their watches to time the sermon, or they stayed away. The fact is they took things very

good naturedly, and thought the preacher a pretty good fellow. But as soon as the Gospel guns were levelled at coldness and hypocrisy, and there was a prospect of success, there was quite a little commotion. The result of this commotion is that I cannot preach any more in that house. I was permitted to fill an appointment that had been given out for last Wednesday evening; but out of over one hundred members that belong to that church less than half a dozen of them put in an appearance on the last night.

This conduct of the church members is rather a surprise as the Christian church claim to be advocates of union and liberality, and in this instance the house was understood to be open for all denominations, at least, this fact was told me by the members themselves as a sample of their great liberality. But being locked out will not put a stop to our meetings there. A few of the faithful of that congregation have already offered me their private houses to worship in and that is what we shall do. We will preach in the private houses until we can make better arrangements. We have the sympathy of a majority of the community and several of the best members in the congregation, for I am glad to say that there are some good, whole souled Christians among them. The prospects are good, and under the blessing of God we will have a good, live, Gospel—alone congregation here. This is now the second time that I have been locked out by "union" (?) people in "the valley." In both instances we have the sympathies of the best people in the community.

EDWARD MASON.

Except a man has God dwelling in him, he may be, or may become, capable of any crime within the compass of human nature.—Thomas Wingfold.

It's only when ye dinna want to fa' asleep 'at it luiks fearsome to ye. An maybe the fear of death comes in the same way; we're feared at, 'cause we're no a'thegither ready for it, but when the richt time comes it'll be as nat'ral as fa'in asleep when we are downright sleepy.—Robert Falconer.

A Baptist church in Ocala, Fla., has summarily expelled all its members whose names have appeared on petitions for liquor licenses.

Christianity is protected as the state religion in Madagascar. The best authorities place the number of Protestants there at 350,000, and Roman Catholics at 35,000. Education is compulsory. One district alone makes a return of 100,000 pupils in the school.

No sufferer from any scrofulous disease, who will fairly try Ayer's Sarsaparilla, need despair of a cure. It will purge the blood of all impurities, thereby destroying the germs of scrofula, and will infuse new life and vigor throughout the whole physical organization.

Trans-Missouri Flashes.

Observe the golden rule.

If others will not do as much good as you think they should, bid them Gods speed in the good they do do.

"You are talking" in No. 40 is indeed talking to the point. Read it again and profit by it.

The writer expects to be with the Brethren in Labette Co., Kan., on the 31st inst. and enjoy their lovefeast.

Numerically and otherwise, our Cause could and should be strengthened.

What we need is more practical interest in the Cause of Christ.

Buffoonery should never be indulged in by Christian. In fact by no one else.

Come now Brethren though we are not able to do as much as some others to save sinners, we can do more than we are doing.

Christian progression means, to-day, bringing to bear all our advantages to advance the cause of Christ.

Are we not just a little too sleepy brethren? "Let us not sleep as do others."

Hard times effect men in different ways the rich speculatively; the poor for something to eat and wear.

I believe it is very wicked to whine about hard times in this land of ours, and if we keep on, God may indeed give us "cleanness of teeth" as he did the Jews of old.

If I were rich, O, how I would shell-out after reading that appeal of sister Susan Holsinger. God bless that dear woman.

A salaried ministry is only a supported ministry systematized then why this prejudice against it?

The Methodists under the auspices of Eld. Reynolds, one of their Evangelists, are, at this writing, conducting a revival meeting in Morrill. All denominations are invited to take part and all do expect one. Hope the effort will prove successful in stirring up this good but spiritually sleeping town from center to circumference.

How strange, that professors of religion should lock arms with infidels in opposition to efforts at good doing by those of another sect, and yet keep on praying for Christian Union.

Great big Pharisaical I in his sectarian superiority is strutting with big flourish of trumpet all over this land point him to Christ and pray God to convert him.

Looking to Christ we look upward; Upward morally, socially, intellectually, spiritually; Upward in every thing that is good and noble. What a grand and to Christians, encouraging truth

In sin we may drift idly and indifferently along; in righteousness we must work and be wide awake.

"What meanest thou sleeper?" You hate other lazy people; why are you lazy yourself? Come and go to work, and enjoy work's, healthy and gladdening effect.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

Morrill, Kans.